

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24 with the following amended paragraph:

A combination molded plastic bucket and lid includes a series of outwardly extending ribs on the top edge of the bucket and inwardly extending flanges on a depending outer skirt of the lid which engage with the bucket ribs to provide a wedging action that holds the lid tightly in a sealing position on the top of the bucket. A zig-zag tear strip permits removal of a portion of the ~~lower-most~~ lowermost lid flange. The top of the bucket includes a groove adapted to receive a projection or tongue seal.

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